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Executive Committee Elects Rev. J. R. Davis President

The quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was held on January 7 in the office of Executive Secretary Rev. J. R. Davis, Rev. Van Hardin, Marion Perry, Wesley Miller, Rev. James Fairchild, Rev. Joe Hudson, Rev. C. M. Day, Rev. Glenn Smith, Rev. Gordon Sansing and Dr. Chester Quarles.

Rev. J. R. Davis was elected president of the committee. Rev. Van Hardin and Rev. Gordon Sansing were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively.

The budget of the United Drys was presented by Secretary Henry Edmonds and approved.

The Matthews Church (Lafayette Association) was granted \$250 from the Emergency Church Building Aid Fund.

The committee approved the Choctaw - Winston Associational Mission program.

Committees appointed by Pres. Davis are: Business Advisory, Marion Perry, Wesley Miller and Gordon Sansing; Policy, James Fairchild, Joe Hudson and Glenn Smith; Personnell, Van Hardin, C. M. Day and J. R. Davis.

Jack Fellows To Lead Recreation Clinic At Grenada

Dr. John B. Fellows, well-known leader and authority on church recreation will conduct a church recreation clinic at the First Church, Grenada, Jan. 31-Feb. 5. This is believed to be the first such recreation conference to be held in the state and will be sponsored by the host church, Dr. J. W. Landrum, pastor.

A limited number of workers from churches over the state can be accommodated. Homes will be available (with breakfast) for \$1.50 per day. First come, first served. Send application to the host pastor.

Dr. Fellows will bring with him his staff and the course will be complete and comprehensive, on a par with those conducted each year at Ridgecrest.

Morning and afternoon sessions only will be held for leaders while evening sessions will be in separate groups for children, junior, intermediates, young people and adults.

Baptist World Alliance Travel Information

BY ARNOLD T. OHRN
General Secretary
Baptist World Alliance

In 1905, on the seventeenth day of July, during the First Baptist World Congress, the Baptist World Alliance was organized.

The Ninth Congress to be held in London, July 16-22, 1955, will mark the Alliance' Jubilee, it having been organized in 1905.

More Baptists will be crossing the Atlantic from Canada and the United States to attend the Jubilee Congress than at any previous occasion. Two pertinent questions are being raised in letters coming to Baptist World Alliance headquarters: What about 1) transportation, and 2) hotel reservations?

The answer to both questions is this: Travelers from Canada and the United States should make their arrangements through a travel agency.

The hotel situation in London is difficult. It is not possible to reserve hotel rooms for Congress participants through any central hotel bureau set up for the occasion. Furthermore: travel agencies on this side cannot be expected to give the hotel rooms at their disposals for whom they do not also provide transportation.

Therefore: insist that the travel agency making your ship or plane reservation also arrange for your hotel accommodation during Congress week.

The travel agencies do not charge more for plane or ship tickets than air or ship companies do. Besides they are more likely to be able to secure transportation (Continued on Page Two)

What Baptists Believe About The Individual And God

BY REV. A. B. PIERCE

One of the doctrines that has distinguished Baptists throughout their long history has been the recognition of the primacy and freedom of the individual in all matters of church and state. The Bible reveals that God deals with

the right of every individual to worship or not worship God as his conscience may dictate. Baptists never have and never will baptize infants and force them into their churches without their knowledge and consent.

Freedom To Read The Bible

The Bible is the inspired Word of God given to all men for the purpose of revealing Himself to man, and His will concerning man. This Book should not be denied any person. Everybody should be permitted and encouraged to read and interpret the Bible for himself with the aid of the Holy Spirit. To take the Scriptures away from the people and trust their teachings solely to preachers, or priests, or any other group, is nothing short of spiritual criminality. Even some Baptists have credited the Catholic Priests with preserving the Bible during the "Dark Ages", but the fact is, there would have been no dark ages if the priests had not taken the Scriptures away from the people. The period of awakening over the world came when the Bible was forced from the hands of the priests and given back to the people. Baptists believe that each individual should study the Bible for himself and make its teachings his sole, sufficient, and authoritative guide in (Continued on Page Two)



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the individual and not masses as such. His plan for transforming the masses is to deal with men one by one.

God has endowed man with the right of free choice. Man is free to choose right or wrong, but God holds him accountable for his choice. Baptists believe that it is

Southern Baptists Contribute \$15 Million For Convention Causes During The Year 1953

BY PORTER ROUTH
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Southern Baptist Convention causes received \$15,359,142 during 1953 through the offices of the Executive Committee, a 10.31 per cent increase over 1952.

Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide causes received from the twenty-three state conventions accounted for \$9,683,360 of the amount, and designated gifts accounted for \$5,675,781. This is a gain of \$607,313 in Cooperative Program gifts for the Southern Baptist Convention during the year, and an increase of \$823,803 in designated gifts. The designated gifts are made up largely of the Lottie Moon and the Annie Armstrong offerings sponsored by the WMU.

More than half of the total money \$8,373,630, went to foreign missions. This compares with \$7,482,064 going to foreign missions in 1952. A total of \$2,757,796 went to home missions. This compares with \$2,590,580 going to home missions in 1952. Total of Advance funds received through the Cooperative Program, that is, funds above the operating and capital needs of Southern Baptist Convention

agencies, went \$998,520 to foreign missions and \$332,840 for home missions. This compares with Advance funds of \$1,038,035 for foreign missions in 1952, and \$346,011 for home missions in 1952.

All states showed an increase in gifts for the Cooperative Program over 1952, with the exception of California, Florida, Mis- (Continued on Page Two)

National Music Magazine Commends Baptist Program Prints James Luck Letter

James T. Luck, assistant professor of Church Music Education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, wrote a letter.

(Editor's Note: Prof. Luck was formerly on the Mississippi College Faculty and also served Jackson Churches as Minister of Music.)

Nothing unusual about that, of course. It was just an ordinary letter to Choral and Organ Guide, a nationally known music magazine, asking to be put on its mailing list for materials to be used in Professor Luck's department of Church Music Education.

The magazine not only printed the letter but carried the following comments by the editor, Roy Anderson: "We'll send all the materials we have and wish this new adventure the best of good luck. A few years back the Baptists were known for having the most retarded church music program. Now they seem to be leading the field — with the Episcopalians trailing somewhere in the rear about half way between the Churches of God and the Roman Catholics. And don't anyone say I am prejudiced—I happened to be an Episcopalian myself."

Program Planned For Clerks Moderators Meet

A very effective program has been planned for the meeting of the clerks and moderators to be held at the Baptist Building, Monday, Jan. 18, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, president of the State Convention, will lead a conference for moderators, while Rev. George Gay, of Ripley, secretary of the convention, will lead one for clerks.

Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, of Meridian, president, will discuss the work of the Associational Executive Committee. Rev. S. W. Valentine of Jackson will discuss working with a missionary in an association.

Rev. Carey Cox of Brandon will speak on coordinating all the work. Miss Ethel McKeithen is secretary of the group.

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What Baptists Believe

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all matters of faith and practice.
Freedom to
Approach God Directly

Baptists believe that every soul has the right to direct access to God. Man does not need the aid of any preacher or priest to get the ear of God. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between man and God. Through Christ, our great high priest, we can come directly to the throne of God with our confessions and prayers.

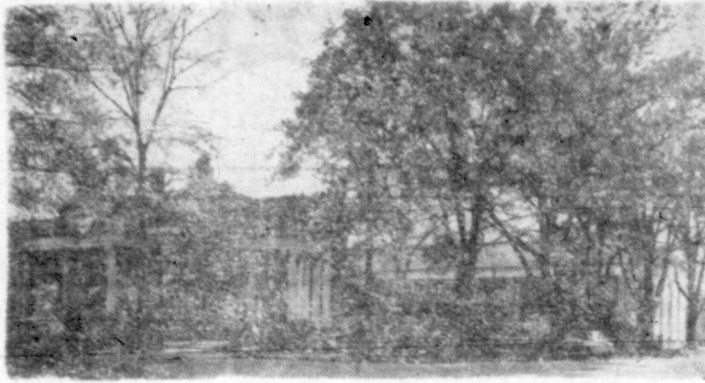
Man does not need material aids of any kind in his worship of God. We are to worship Him in spirit and truth. An alarming practice among Baptists today is the widespread use of so-called pictures of Christ that are being used in much of our literature, and even in some church auditoriums, to aid the people in an attitude of reverence, and to give the small children some concrete conception of Christ. This is a violation of the first commandment. There is no authentic picture or likeness of Christ on earth. Baptists should refuse to accept the conception of any artist as a substitute for the likeness of Christ. We had as well use statues to aid us in worship, as the Catholics do, as to use the imaginary pictures of Christ. Men need no such aids or substitutes for Christ when we can go directly to Him.

Freedom To Serve God

The individual should be free to serve God as he pleases without interference from ecclesiastical or political powers. Baptists have always opposed the unholy union of church and state. Wherever church and state have united the individual has suffered. Under such union the individual in his service and worship has been made to conform to the established state religion. Baptists have opposed such regimentation to the point of death many times.

John Calvin had Servetus burned at the stake, and Martin Luther persecuted Baptists in Germany for holding to this principle of individual freedom. John Bunyan was confined in the Bedford jail for 12 years for refusing to conform to the state church of England. For this same reason Baptist preachers were persecuted in the early history of this country that is now the champion of freedom. In Massachusetts and Virginia they were whipped publicly and imprisoned, and some had their property confiscated and sold and the proceeds given to the established church. It was through the influence of these Baptist preachers that the Bill of Rights was incorporated in the Constitution of these United States.

The only blood that Baptists

HATTIESBURG FIRST BUYS MORE PROPERTY

First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has doubled the size of its property by acquiring the house and lot adjoining the church site at a cost of \$30,000. The new property gives the church a city block fronting on West Pine Street, which is a main thoroughfare through the city.

On the lot is one of the largest residences ever built in Hattiesburg. It has approximately 12,000 square feet floor space, with large living room, library, music room, in addition to 8 bedrooms and 4 baths. The large white columns of the building makes it blend in attractively with the new church, which was completed last March. Included in the transaction was a lot on the back side of the block which can be used for parking.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, said that the acquisition of the property will give the church all the space it will ever need for expansion of its building. The house can be used without any remodeling when the growth of the educational program demands additional space. The new church now has ample space for its worship and educational program. It is one of the largest church buildings in the state.

Southern Baptists

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souri, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Virginia. New Mexico was the only state failing to show an increase in designated gifts over 1952.

The combined operating and capital budget for 1954 is \$8,750,000, and all receipts over that moment, after \$160,000 is paid to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work for capital needs, will go 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions.

—BR—
'Christianity is a painful religion, and we would like to make a painless religion. But when it becomes painless it ceases to be Christianity. . . .

have ever shed in defense of this principle of religious freedom has been their own blood. Baptists not only claim this privilege for themselves, but they will fight to help guarantee this freedom for all mankind. They have not only claimed this right and suffered persecution to defend it, but they may be justly proud of the fact that Baptists have never violated this principle by trying to force others to worship as they do. May God help us to continue to stand for this individual freedom until Jesus comes.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Clinton, Mississippi
Called and accepted

Henry V. Adams, Jr., Oak Hill, Seminole Assn., Fla. from Jonesville, Fla.

Byran H. Myers, East Hill Church, Pensacola, Fla., from Barton Heights, Richmond, Va.

Woodrow W. Richardson, First, Monroe, La., from Buechel, Ky.

Harlan Harris, First, Plainview, Tex., from First, Shelby, N. C.

Lane A. Patrick, First Church, McColl, S. C.

George E. Knight, New Market, Greenwood, S. C., from Mt. Pleasant, Laurens, S. C.

Bruce Franklin Willis, First Baptist, Anna, Ill., from Wickliffe, Ky.

Edward Haun, Williams Memorial, Ravenna, Ky., from Steubenville, Monticello, Ky.

Rhea Gray, Lynn Acres, Louisville, Ky., from Southern Seminary as Student.

W. W. Richardson, Monroe, Ga., from Buechel, near Louisville, Ky.

Olen V. Coopridge, Cisco, Ill., from Missionary of Sangamon Valley Association, Illinois.

William H. Spradlin, Jr., Wallburg, N. C. from minister of education at First, High Point, N. C.

Harold Wayne Allen, Dutch Ridge Baptist, Dutch Ridge, Ill.

J. E. Ford, Lake View, Bentonville, Ark.

G. Scott Turner, Jr., Rockfish, N. C., from Wake Forest.

Harvey L. Coppedge, Green's Cross, Near Windsor, N. C., from Riverside and Woodville Churches, N. C.

Howard Ringer, Jupiter, Buncombe Association, N. C., from Weaversville, N. C.

G. Carlton Cox, Blowing Rock, Three Forks Association, N. C., from Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N. C.

First, Vicksburg To Buy New Site

The First Church, Vicksburg, has voted to purchase a new site four blocks southeast of the present plan for the purpose of erecting a new church building.

The officers of the church have been studying their building needs for over a year and have been studying possibilities of building sites.

In making the motion to purchase the property, J. W. Jordan, Jr., stated, "I have been a member of this church for over 20 years and superintendent of its Sunday school for more than twelve years and I think that this is one of the greatest steps this church has had the opportunity to make during that time. This is one of the greatest meetings I have ever attended in the church and I believe this action is one of the finest things this church can do."

During the discussion period which followed the motion, Dr. John G. McCall, the pastor explained why the church officers thought this was the wisest possible action for the church. He stated that more than twice as much space would be provided the church at the new location than was on its present site, that the condition of the new lot was such that little grading would be necessary for construction, and that the price was not too high when we consider the value of property adjacent to our present location. He also explained that moving to a new location would enable the church to continue services in its present building until the new structure would be available, that the church will still be a "down town church" in the "down town area," and that the church would save the demolition cost on the old building by moving.

Carroll-Montgomery Missionary On The Job

Rev. John B. Laney, superintendent of missions for Carroll-Montgomery associations keeps Baptists in those two counties on the move.

He plans to run the list of EVERY FAMILY Baptist Record churches in those associations in the next bulletin.

The joint executive committee has recently elected the following officers: Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III chairman; W. M. Smith, vice-chairman and J. C. Sansing, secretary. A committee is now working on plans for a home for the Superintendent of Missions.

January has been designated as Denominational Loyalty Month. Teams will visit in the various churches to present and explain the whole Baptist program.

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Congratulations to the Holly Springs Church and the W. M. U. Their Lottie Moon offering totaled \$1388, which is the highest in the history of the church. The previous high mark was \$475. Mrs. Elmo Myers is president of the W. M. U. and Dr. Earl Kelly is the pastor.

Orville Groner Dies, Served Baptists 31 Years

DALLAS, Texas. (BP) — Orville Groner, 57, native Texan and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., died unexpectedly of a heart attack here, January 4. He had not been previously ill.

Groner, who had served the Southern Baptist Convention for thirty-one years, charted the board's financial growth from \$2,242,325 to the present \$30,000,000 reserve. He was instrumental in stabilizing the Board's finances. Total investment earnings under his direction amounted to \$9,110,697.

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Baptist World Alliance

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for you that you are yourself.

Some of the travel agencies have already worked out pre- and post-Congress tours, that can be sold to the traveler at inclusive rates.

Besides this, private traveling parties are already being made up with the 1955 Congress and independent side tours in view. There are likely to be arrangements suiting any pocket and various tastes. Leaders of such parties will naturally be working in close cooperation with some recognized travel agency.

The gist of the matter is this: Make your travel arrangements as soon as you know you are going to London, preferably a year ahead of time. Have your travel agency arrange at least for your trip back and forth across the Atlantic, and for your hotel accommodation in London.

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Training Union Pay

It is still true that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." We have often called attention to the fact that churches that have the Baptist Record as a part of their program, in most cases, do better than churches that do not have it. This is true of organizations, as well as the Baptist Record.

The current issue of the Quarterly Review, using 1952 figures, shows that 6.16 per cent of churches of the Southern Baptist Convention have Training Unions; 38.4 per cent do not. It also shows that 82.9% of the total membership is in Training Union churches and 17.1% are in churches without Training Unions.

We note with interest that the 82.9% of the members in the Training Union churches baptized 85.3% of the total baptisms. Training Union churches also led in Sunday School enrolment with 85.4%.

And W. M. U. enrolment was 91.9%, although these churches had only 82.9% of the membership. The Brotherhood figures are even higher; 97.2% of the Brotherhood enrolment is in Training Union churches and only 2.8% in churches without Training Unions.

Mission gifts from the Training Union churches were 94.3% for the Training Union churches and 5.7% for those without Training Unions. Total gifts were 92.2% for the Training Union churches and 7.8% for those without.

The above figures are for all churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mississippi churches made the following record: 70.3% of the Mississippi churches have Training Unions, 29.7% do not have Training Unions. Training Union churches have 86.4% of the total membership and the non-Training Union churches have 13.6%. However, 86.4% baptized 90.3% while 13.6% non-Training Union members only baptized 9.7%. Training Union churches had 89.9% of the Sunday School enrolment; 94.1% of the Vacation Bible School enrolment; 96.9% of the W. M. U. enrolment; 98.9% of the Brotherhood enrolment. Pastors salaries were better in the Training Union churches than in the non-Training Union churches, as evidence of the fact that the Training Union churches had 90.6% of the pastors' salary while the non-Training Union churches had only 9.4%. Training Union churches had 96.8% of the mission gifts and the non-Training Union churches had only 3.2% although they had

13.6% of the membership.

In other words these figures leave a suspicion that it would pay in many ways for the 29.7% churches that do not have Training Unions to organize one, and the sooner the better.

—BR—

The Last Call

Again and finally we call attention to the State Evangelistic Conference to be held at First Church, Jackson, January 18-20. The first session will be held Monday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. It is planned to close the Wednesday service in time for most pastors to reach their churches in time for prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, director of Evangelism, has prepared an outstanding program and secured some of the very best speakers. Such a program deserves the very best attendance. Every pastor who can possibly do so should be present at this important conference, for the program guarantees inspiration, power and influence to everyone in attendance.

The winning of souls is the most important work of Baptists. In fact, without it we dry up and die. All other things fade into insignificance compared with evangelism. If evangelism is so important, it is necessary for our leaders to prepare themselves for the holy task of evangelism. In just a few weeks the summer days of evangelism will be in full swing. Now is the time to prepare for those meaningful days.

Attendance upon this meeting with its star-studded program should set hearts aglow with fire from God's altar, should cause us to feel that men are lost, really lost, and that their only hope is salvation through Jesus Christ.

Certainly every church member in Mississippi will want to be sure his pastor attends this statewide conference. No meeting will be of more importance to the pastor, and in turn to the church, than this one. The churches should see that the pastor's expenses are provided. The small cost of sending the pastor will be repaid to the church many times.

Let's all join hands with Secretary Wilbanks in making this the greatest Evangelistic Conference in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

—BR—

Is This Consistency?

We have watched with interest the court case in New Jersey in which Jews and Catholics opposed the distribution of Bibles to any of the school pupils who requested them. Please note that they were



not to be forced upon anybody, but given to those who requested them.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey ruled that the Gideon Bible (the term Gideon comes from the fact that the Bibles are paid for by the Gideons) is a "sectarian book and that its distribution in the public schools was in violation of the first amendment of the United States Constitution . . ."

In noting various news dispatches we find that 18 counties in Missouri have nun-taught public schools in which 94 nuns are employed whose salaries of \$140,956 are paid out of public tax funds. Evidently the Catholics do not think that violates the constitution.

It is also interesting to note that this unusual ruling by the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the different attitudes of Catholics in other communities have provoked editorial comment on the inconsistencies of the Roman Catholic strategy in the United States.

It is also interesting to note that some Indians in the West are suing for the right to have a Protestant church and to bury their dead and to retain their inheritances. All of these things, so the Protestants claim, are being denied them by the Catholic Indians who are in the majority.

CONSISTENCY STILL IS A VIRTUE.

Our Readers Write

WHAT IS GOD'S STOREHOUSE?

In Malachi 3-10, God gives the answer to the question asked by so many today: "Where shall I give my tithe?" God says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

Yet there are many who are confused as to the meaning of the word, "Storehouse." There are some who have taken the word to mean all needy and worthwhile causes, and they give their tithes accordingly by distributing the amount among a number of needy causes. But what does the Bible say about the place to bring the tithe? What is the storehouse of God?

God's storehouse during the days of Malachi was the temple in which cham-

bers were built where the tithes were stored. (See Nehemiah 10:38, 39; 13:5, 12, 13; II Chronicles 31:11, 12.) No person in those days ever considered whether the storehouse was meant to be a general term embracing all needy causes. The people simply obeyed the Word of God and brought their tithes to the place stipulated by God—His storehouse, the temple.

But what is God's storehouse today? The answer is evident: the local church. We are certain that the Scripture speaks of a specific place when it mentions the storehouse. And, if the church isn't that place today, what is? If the local church is not the storehouse of God, then what organization or institution is? Only the church is the Divine Institution set up by Christ for the carrying out of the Great Commission. And when God says to us: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," He intends that we bring the full tithes into the church, the Bride of Christ which was purchased by His Blood. This is God's plan for carrying on His work through the churches. And where there are faithful Christians obeying this command of God, then there are live churches with live, world-wide programs for God.

God's storehouse cannot be taken to mean any needy cause that may attract the attention or touch the heart. There have always been many needy causes to which we could give, and we certainly should give to them when we are able—but not the tithe. There were many needs during the days of Malachi the Prophet. We know that it was not unusual for beggars to sit even at the gates of the temple and beg alms from those who passed by. (See Acts 3:2.) But was it permissible for a person to stop and give a part of the tithe to such a needy cause? No, for God still stipulated: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

After all, it is not ours to determine the place where the tithe should be given. It is not our tithe. It is God's. "The tithe . . . is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.) It belongs to God from the beginning, and He has not given us the prerogative in determining where it shall be given. It is not a matter of personal opinion or decision as to where to give the tithe. It is but a matter of simple obedience to the command of God: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

Let us then be faithful in bringing all of God's tithe into God's storehouse, the local church. And then let us follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in sending these tithes from our churches to meet the needs of the world and win the lost to Christ.

—DAVID J. IRBY, Pastor,
Crosby Baptist Church.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

Do Good

Jesus went to Jerusalem to keep the feast of the Passover. The year before this trip he had also gone to Jerusalem and at that time he drove out the people that were buying and selling in the Temple.

Not far from the Temple was a pool called Bethesda. Near the pool were many people who were sick and blind, helpless and crippled. These people came with the hope that the water of Bethesda would make them well, for at certain times when the water bubbled up it healed certain diseases.

Jesus was walking among these poor and suffering people as they watched for the bubbling of the water to begin. He noticed a crippled man who had not walked for more than 30 years. Stopping, he asked this man if he wanted to be well again. The man desired with all his heart to be well, but he explained that each time the waters bubbled the great crowd of people who could walk hurried to the water. Since this man had no one to carry him, it was necessary for him to crawl, and he was always trampled and could never get to the pool.

Christ then commanded the man, saying, "Arise, take up thy mat and walk."

The man felt new strength surge through him, as is always true when Christ speaks to us. He gives us the strength to do the task which he lays before us. The man rolled up his mat and walked away.

Someone, no doubt a Pharisee, saw him and said to him, "What do you mean by carrying your mat on the Sabbath Day? That is work and you are breaking the law."

The man only said that is what he was told to do, and the Pharisee began to seek to find what person

had told him to do this work on the Sabbath.

Another time in the synagogue a man was there who had a withered hand. The Pharisees watched Jesus to see whether he would heal his hand on the Sabbath. They had no feeling for this poor, suffering man. Their only desire was to speak evil of Jesus and they were watching for this opportunity. All this Jesus knew.

He asked the man to rise, making it possible for all to see him. Jesus then asked if it were against the law to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil: Should he heal a man or to try to kill a man? Jesus said, "I say unto you that it is right to do good to men on the Sabbath."

This can be a guide to us. We need to be busy doing good at all times.

—BR—

Dear Aunt Polly:

My Training Union used thermometers last month to show the grade of each union in the department. The thermometers were drawn on cardboard and a red ribbon showed the grade. We certainly were in a hurry on Sunday night to see what union was the highest! Our Union was the highest all but once. But we certainly had to work.

We have four unions in our department.

Evelyn Martin

Dear Evelyn:

It is a lot of fun to have competition between your unions. I am glad to know that you think your union is tops, for that is what you letter sounds like. Keep up the good work when the contest is over and you will be better trained church members.

Aunt Polly

Dear Aunt Polly:

My Sunday School Department used Christmas trees during the month of December for a contest in attendance, class grade and new members. We got Blue stars if all were 100 percent. Packages for those who were new members. Candles for visitors and red stars for all present.

Each class had a poster with a Christmas tree. And each class put the stickers on their tree. They were well decorated by Christmas!

I like to go to Sunday School. We have a good teacher.

John M. Hammond

Dear John:

I am glad to have a letter from one of our boy readers. I wish more of the boys would write and you certainly had a lot to write about. Maybe someone else will use this idea well.

Aunt Polly

Dear Aunt Polly:

Our low point in Sunday School has been staying for preaching but our teacher has been sitting with us every Sunday in church. Now almost everyone in our Intermediate class attends the preaching

OLDER CHURCHES MAKE OUTSTANDING RECORD

Of the approximately 400 Baptist churches in Mississippi organized prior to the Civil War, only 14 failed to make a financial contribution to world and south-wide causes through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board during the past convention year.

That is to say, 96.4 per cent of these older churches are still alive and alert to the calls of needy fields beyond their own local communities.

In response to the request of the Custodian of the Baptist Historical Society a large number of these older churches sent their clerks as messengers to the recent Mississippi Baptist Convention and 20 of them brought their old minute books to be entrusted to the Historical Society for safe-keeping from fire and other hazards.

Let all other churches of Mississippi, who will, take appropriate action and send their precious old minute books to the Society, Box 392, Clinton, for safe-keeping without cost or obligation. These old records thus entrusted remain the property of the churches. — Rev. J. L. Boyd is the custodian.

Churches entrusting their records are: Bethel, Lafayette County; Beulah Union County; Center Ridge, Clarke County; Concord, Choctaw County; Elim, Clarke County; Fellowship, Jones County; Leaf, Smith County; Liberty Creek, Walthall County; Mt. Moriah, Choctaw County; Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln County; Mt. Zion, Lincoln County; New Zion, Walthall County; Old Hebron, Jeff Davis County; Wilkinson County; Pleasant Hill, Pinckney New County; Pioneer, Lake County; Silver Creek, Pike County; Spring Hill, Choctaw County; Yellow Leaf, Lafayette County.

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ELTON BARLOW BEGINS PASTORATE AT DERMA

Rev. Elton Barlow has begun his pastorate at Derma. He was formerly pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, where he served for five years.

The Derma people welcomed the Barlows with a Brunswick stew party on December 31. Climax of the party was the bountiful pounding.

Mr. Barlow said that the 95 lbs. of sugar, which was a part of the pounding would keep the Barlows' sweet for a long time.

service and we sit together in a certain place.

Our pastor says it helps him do his best to know we are always over on the side.

Ruby Parrish

Dear Ruby:

This is a good idea which I think I will use in my class. I certainly thank you for this good suggestion. It gives the pastor good support when he knows we are there in a group and are pushing the preaching attendance as much as he is.

Aunt Polly

Students Making Focus Week Plans



Careful planning is under way at Mississippi College now for the Focus Week, January 31-February 5. Pictured above are students, Johnny Lee Taylor, seated, and Bradley Pope, right, ironing out details with Bill Cody, a representative of the Baptist Student Department in Nashville. (Photo by John West.)

Sadler Expects African Safari To Be His Most Important Trip

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will cross the Atlantic Ocean for the 31st time January 11 as he begins what he terms "my most important missionary journey."

Although he will stop in Barcelona, Spain, to confer with national Baptist and Southern Baptist missionaries concerning problem which evangelical Christianity is facing in that country, Dr. Sadler says this is chiefly an African safari.

"The African is changing," he says this is chiefly an African. He has been a hewer of wood and a drawer of water; he is willing still to play that role but not that role only.

The African has recognized himself as being somebody. He is determined to convince the world that he is more than a cog in the machinery. He has what the President of the United States has called "deathless dignity," and he is determined to have that dignity recognized. Man's determination to be recognized as an individual is part of the whole world conflict.

"The African's struggle to be recognized as a human being calls for some adjustments between the national Christians and the missionaries. These adjustments will be studied. That is why I consider this one of the most important missionary journeys I have been called upon to make."

Dr. Sadler will visit the Gold Coast where Southern Baptist work may be expanded. Then he will spend about five weeks visiting

every station where the 160 Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria are located.

From Nigeria he will go to Southern Rhodesia where Southern Baptist work was inaugurated in 1950 and where there are now several schools, a hospital with two doctors, and a number of churches. "In Africa we have attempted to do our work through our school system, our hospital work, our orphanages, and direct evangelism," Dr. Sadler said. "Now I am thinking of recommending an agricultural approach in some areas. We hope to help some of these 'little people' to help themselves."

While in Africa, Dr. Sadler will explore the possibility of projecting work into East Africa — Kenya, Tanganyika, or Nyasaland — where Southern Baptists have never served.

Dr. Sadler will be met in Barcelona by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the European Theological Seminary, Baschlikon-Zurich Switzerland. There is likelihood that Dr. Nordenhaug will take over, in addition to his present tasks, the chairmanship of Baptist relief work on the continent of Europe. Dr. Jesse D. Franks, who has been doing this work, will soon be retired.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Franks was formerly pastor of First Church Columbus.)

Southern Baptists have, for a number of years co-operated with German, Dutch, Austrian and Norwegian Baptists in meeting relief needs in Europe.

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Men Of Distinction

(Editor's Note: Many magazines as well as many daily papers are swamped with liquor ads. Evidently the liquor crowd is able to employ the highest type artists for their work.

They certainly look good. How, ever, we hear the liquor crowd doesn't give both sides. And in order that our readers may not have one-sided information we plan for the next few weeks to have a column entitled "Men of Distinction."

The term is taken from some of the advertisements of the liquor crowd. They often feature some distinguished looking man with the sly inference that liquor has something to do with his distinction. We join them in giving others of distinction. The facts do not sound good but they are facts. For instance we quote below from a news dispatch in the National Voice, concerning a speech by Justice John J. Connelly, of Boston.)

BOSTON, Mass.—Liquor is the greatest factor in juvenile delinquency today, for it leads youth down avenues to drugs, immorality and immorality. Presiding Justice John J. Connelly of Juvenile Court declared before the fourth national Conference of Counselors on Catholic Youth, according to the Boston Record.

Liquor not only was a factor in many cases but was a forerunner of other shocking immoralities, he added.

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A total of \$32,400 had been given by students and faculty members at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, by December 29 for the Lottie Moon Offering. Campus goal was \$32,000 and the time set for reaching the goal January 1. Much of this representing sacrifice of trips home, food, many hours of work. The money for the offering was given either through the seminary or through churches. Students and faculty members not giving directly through the seminary signed pledges telling what they were giving through their churches. The money given by the girls in the dorm was in cash.

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Shown above are three girls from Hawaii who are enrolled in Blue Mountain College. Left to right they are: Kimmie Toyama, Honolulu; Carol Takamiya and Gladys Arakawa, Poonene, Maui. They have been in demand for speaking and singing engagements in Baptist churches in north Mississippi.

M. D. MORTON RESIGNS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS

Rev. M. D. Morton, for six and one-half years pastor at Crystal Springs, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Ashland, Ken. Prior to his Crystal Springs pastorate Mr. Morton has held several Kentucky pastorates.

A native of DeKalb; Mr. Morton is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary. During his ministry, the Crystal Springs Church has adopted the rotation system of deacons and a unified church budget. The Sunday School has been graded and an educational plant has been constructed. There is now \$70,000 in the building fund.

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CLOSED CIRCUIT TV IN ATLANTA CHURCH

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. found at least part of the answer for overflow crowds at its Sunday morning preaching services in a closed circuit TV channel serving persons seated in the chapel.

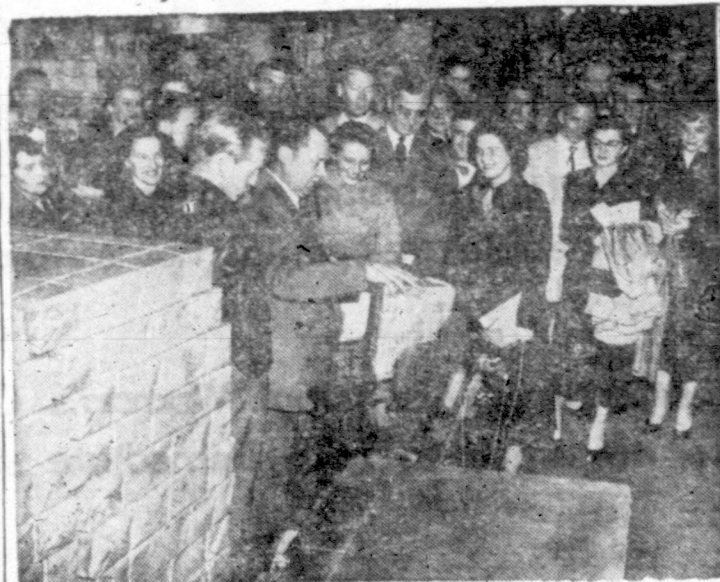
The church rents camera equipment from an Atlanta TV station and televises the service for persons seated in the chapel beneath the auditorium.

The cameras, as in regular televising of church services, change from the choir to the minister during the order of service. Sound equipment was already available from the auditorium to the chapel.

The church plans to use the private television arrangement until plans can be completed for telecasting of the services over one of the Atlanta stations," Roy O. McClain, pastor said.

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"Jesus did not practice what he preached—he preached what he practiced."—Howard E. Butt, Jr.

Seminary Students Learn By Seeing



Students from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, look on as Mr. Leonard Wedel (with package), personnel director of the Baptist Sunday School Board, explains the operations of the shipping department of the Board. The picture was made during a recent trip to Nashville, sponsored by the Seminary's School of Religious Education to acquaint students with the work of the Sunday School Board of the Convention. The popular field trip is fast becoming a regular event for Southern Seminary students.

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1954 And Your Brotherhood FOUR MAJOR FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

By GEORGE W. SCHROEDER
Executive Secretary

The Brotherhood Commission, and State Brotherhood Departments throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have adopted four major activities for promotion during 1954. They are evangelism, stewardship, cooperative program, and boys' work.

Our need not long analyze these major activities before he becomes acutely aware of the fact that they are church centered in their every aspect. Each of the activities, properly promoted by the men, can prove to be a blessing and an asset to any church. They are aimed to acquaint men with some of their Christian obligations. At the same time, vigorous promotion of them by Brotherhood leaders in our churches will be instrumental in opening

doors of practical Christian service through which men may be enlisted for the Master.

May we urge that each pastor, educational director, Brotherhood officer and member, and every man of every Baptist church think seriously on these major Brotherhood activities for 1954. In turn, may each seek adequate ways and means of rallying the men of their respective churches to give these activities promotion. If enough of us do it, then we can make 1954 the greatest of years in Brotherhood endeavor—great because we will be enlisting men in the work of their Lord as it is being projected and carried on by their respective churches at home and to the farthest reaches of the world.

These activities hold tremendous possibilities. Let us rally the men of our churches to give them full and adequate consideration and promoting during 1954.

CURTIS H. LOVE

Montevista Church is deeply grieved by the death of Curtis H. Love, who passed away on December 16 after a short illness.

Mr. Love was chairman of the deacons and teacher of the Men's Sunday School Class. He had also served as director of our Training Union for two years.

He was a life-long resident of the community and a member of this church since boyhood days. We feel that he has sown the seed that will yield a harvest tomorrow to the honor and glory of God.

Whereas, we are deeply appreciative of the efforts put forth by him for advancing the kingdom's work and are sure that his influence will live in our lives.

Whereas, we feel that his life has passed such inspection that it will be given unto him to eat the hidden manna and that he will have perpetual and unspeakable happiness forever.

Therefore, be it resolved that the church adopt these resolutions of respect.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. B. Wages, pastor
H. C. Nelvis, deacon
W. G. Scarborough, deacon
H. D. Lewis, deacon
G. H. Love, deacon

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Albuquerque, N. Mex. —(BP)— Roy Sutton, Brotherhood and Foundation secretary, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, resigned to accept the pastorate of the South Denver Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.

Sutton will serve as first pastor of the newly organized church, and expects to assume his duties January 3.

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Sparks & Splinters

Futheyville Mission Chapel was organized by the Emmanuel Church, Grenada, on Jan. 10. There were 14 present for Sunday school.

First Church, Gulfport, is the co-sponsor and the mother-church of a new mission which has been started at the corner of Fifteenth Street and 38th Avenue in the Gulf Gardens area of Gulfport. The work is under the direction of the Gulf Coast Associational Missions Committee, and First Church is the sponsoring church. Harold Tice is the pastor.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were Rev. G. W. Smith, Bassfield; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Raleigh; Rev. J. T. Berch, Jackson; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Rev. Hal D. Bennett and Rev. Marion A. Stroup, New Orleans; Dr. Fred Moseley, Bogalusa, La.; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica.

Something new is being added at Southwestern Seminary! Night classes are to be held beginning with the spring semester, Jan. 11. The move has been made chiefly for the benefit of students' wives and others who cannot attend day classes. They will enroll in the regular way during the official registration period. Courses from each of the Seminary's three schools are being offered.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: M. R. Dixon, Norwood, La.; Mrs. Joe Farrer, Cleveland; Rev. Dan Thompson, Sandy Hook; F. G. Marvin, Leland; Lamar Walker, L. E. Cliburn and Melvin Tullis, Philadelphia; Rev. Glenn Smith, Corinth; Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; G. L. Mack, Brandon; Fan Mayhall, Fulton; Misses Ameda Wood, Virginia, Tullis, Doris Lust, Anne Papasan, Betty Naron and Mrs. P. A. Blackwell, Cleveland; Rev. George A. Nichols, Wesson.

According to the Washington Religious Review, Fulton Lewis, Jr., nationally-known Washington Radio Commentator, has resigned as director of music of the Hollywood Methodist Church in St. Mary's County, Md., because of a sermon preached by the Rev. C. Gordon Clues, pastor of the church, who had spoken out vigorously in favor of complete abstention of wine, beer and liquor in the home, as well as in public. Although the minister insists that the sermon was not directed in any way at Mr. Lewis, it seems that the radio commentator took the minister's remarks personally.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luna of Walnut have presented a television set to Blue Mountain College. It has been installed in the recreation room of Broach Hall. Mr. Luna is a member of the board of trustees of Blue Mountain College and president of the Bank of Walnut.

The current issue of the Quarterly Review carries a list of 14 churches that baptized 200 or more during the year 1952. It is interesting to know that two of these churches, Calvary, Jackson and Parkway, Jackson, are Mississippi churches. The complete list follows: First, Lubbock, Texas, 212; Calvary, Jackson, 212; First, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, 212; Parkway, Jackson, 218; First, Dallas, 241; Allapattah, Miami, 269; Lion Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, 281; First, Amarillo, Texas, 293; First San Antonio, Texas, 314; First, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, 348; Bellvue, Memphis, 369; South San Antonio, Texas, 407; Lincoln Memorial, Huntsville, Ala., 422; Highland Park, Chattanooga, Tenn. 1044.

According to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, during the month of December, Mississippi gave \$27,729.74 through the Co-operative Program and \$2,453.58 in designated gifts, making a total of \$30,183.32.

Rev. Montie Davis closed a revival at Long Cedar Church, Winnsboro, La., on Jan. 3. Rev. Bobby Brown is the pastor. The revival resulted in 7 additions, 5 for baptism, and 75 rededications. 2,400 Bible chapters were reported read. A goal of 100 for Training Union attendance was exceeded by 5. The church voted to give \$10 monthly to associational missions and to secure a school bus to bring people to church.

Utica Church has set January 31 as Building Fund Goal Day and a goal of \$1500 has been set. The fund has already reached an all-time high of \$30,000. Eighteen hundred dollars was added to the fund from the surplus of the general fund at the end of 1953. Rev. R. Y. Gerrard is the pastor.

Chicago, Ill.—(BP)—Lake Shore Southern Baptist Church was organized in Chicago recently with twenty-five charter members. The group meets in a rented hall.

Rev. Montie A. Davis has resigned as pastor of the church at Raleigh. He plans to continue his work in the pastorate as the Lord leads. He has held pastorates in Mississippi as follows: First Church, Union; East Moss Point and Brandon.

The 1954 Holland Lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be delivered February 2-5 by Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of Christian History at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

The Mission Band, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, makes the initial announcement concerning the Mission Fellowship to be held this spring. Dates have been set for March 5-6, 1954, on the campus of Southwestern Seminary. College students concerned about mission service are particularly invited. These may be, but need not necessarily be, volunteers for mission service.

JOINS 38TH AVE. STAFF



MISS MARY ANN HESTER

Miss Mary Ann Hester, Music senior at Mississippi Woman's College, has joined Thirty Eighth Avenue Church staff as director of music. Miss Hester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Hester, of Jackson.

She has been a member of the Song Ensemble for all four years and accompanist for the past three years.

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At the evening service on January 10 the Utica Church ordained three new deacons Harold Simmons, Dan Matthews and Bill Tillman. The Young Men's Bible Class, of which they are members, presented each one with a Bible.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE GOES CO-ED JANUARY 25, 1954

- I. Following up the Convention action November last Mississippi Woman's College is officially co-ed beginning January 25.
- II. Applications from male day students are now being received.
- III. Presently all male students are being quartered in private rooms near the campus, as people are opening homes to accommodate these students.
- IV. All boys interested in attending Mississippi Woman's College for the second semester are urged to take immediate step to qualify for admission.

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DR. CLAYTON WADDELL

Besides Dr. Clayton Waddell, of New Orleans Seminary, others to be on the program of the BSU Secretaries' Seminar at E. C. J. C., Decatur, Jan. 28-30, are Bill Cody, Nashville; Mary Lee Vines, New Orleans; and Doyle Baird, Denton, Texas.

The BSU Committee of the State Board recommended to the Board last month that they "give serious consideration to the employment of an Associate State BSU Secretary in the near future as there is a definite need for one." They also recommended "that the Board take steps to raise the salary supplements of the local BSU secretaries."

Miss. College students gave

\$720.07 during November, reporting 807 tithe. The Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions amounted to \$500 and \$313.90 was given to help the people of tornado-stricken Vicksburg.

Pastors, we would greatly appreciate a report on your Student Night at Christmas programs.

BSU Secretaries and other workers, please send us the names, addresses, and nationalities of the overseas students on your campus.

Students intending to do mission work under the Home Mission Board are reminded that the deadline for applying is Feb. 1st. Address of H. M. B. is 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

The willingness to recognize truth and adjust one's life to it is a characteristic of a big person. It is very difficult to achieve. We bring to truth our prejudices, opinions, likes, dislikes, habits, and traditions. Truth has to fit into all this tangled barbed wire or else it is not truth. It is said of a person that he will not admit that a thing is right because it is to his advantage not to. Is there any advantage in denying truth or right? There is no advantage and much disadvantage. It closes doors to other vital truths and denies one of many larger blessings of life. Though we have to admit we are wrong, it is good to admit right to be right and truth to be truth. — Lewis E. Rhodes.

Evangelistic Conference To Get Underway Mon. Night

The State Evangelistic Conference, one of the annual highlights of Mississippi Baptist life, will get underway next Monday evening at the First Church, Jackson.

A full, interesting, informative, inspirational program has been planned, to be concluded Wednesday at noon.

The above schedule will enable most of those attending to be in

their churches Sunday before the conference and then again on Wednesday night.

Latest indications are that a large attendance will be had, according to Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Jackson, State Director of Evangelism.

Pastors and other church and associational leaders identified with evangelism are urged to attend.

A strong program personnel has been secured, including many state and convention-wide leaders.

This conference in many respects serves as the "revival" meeting for the pastors of the state and is eagerly awaited annually by them.

The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism will be featured.

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Kansas Editor Resigns

Wichita, Kans. — (BP) — Rev. Orbie R. Clem, pioneer editor of the Kansas Southern Baptist Beams, resigned effective December 10. He served in this capacity nearly eight years.

The paper, organized early in 1946, was a mimeographed bulletin until June of that year when the first printed edition was released. Today the paper has a circulation of nearly 2,500 and is published semi-monthly.

KOSCIUSKO 1ST CALLS REV. LLOYD SPARKMAN

First Church, Kosciusko, has called Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as pastor. He will succeed Rev. A. E. Pierce, who resigned several months ago to accept the pastorate of Crestwood Church, Jackson. Incidentally, Mr. Pierce also went to the Kosciusko pastorate from a pastorate in Pine Bluff.

Mr. Sparkman has been pastor of the Southside Church in Pine Bluff for the past 16 years. When he assumed the pastorate there were 390 members. The membership now numbers 1,500. The Sunday School has grown from 120 to 1,200. Since 1949 a total of \$275,000 has been spent on buildings and improvements. All of this has been paid except \$37,000.

A native of Webster County, Mississippi, Mr. Sparkman is a graduate of Ouachita College (Arkansas Baptist college) and the Southern Seminary. He has served as president of the Arkansas State Convention and as a member of the Foreign Mission Board.

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CALVARY MISSION IS DEDICATED DEBT-FREE

Calvary Mission of the Ruleville Church was recently dedicated debt-free.

The church now has 72 members with a Sunday School, Training Union and W. M. U.

Rev. Don Grimm serves as pastor.

This mission is an out-growth of Sunday afternoon services which were first begun under the guidance of Rev. Guy Reedy, pastor of the Ruleville Church. Services were first held in homes of the community, then in an empty dwelling, and later in a tent. Later the present building was erected.

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DR. T. W. AYRES DIES

Dr. Thomas Willburn Ayers, 55, the first Southern Baptist medical missionary to China, died January 5 at the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. He had been in ill health for several months.

Dr. Ayers was a native to Ayersville, Ga. He received the M.D. degree from College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., in 1886 and was appointed a missionary in 1900.

In China he was stationed in Hwanghsien, Shantung. He was founder and superintendent of the Warren Memorial Hospital, the first hospital opened by Southern Baptists on a foreign field.

Dr. Ayers was decorated by two presidents of China for his medical service in connection with a plague and Red Cross work during a civil war. A monument was erected in his honor at Hwanghsien, making him the second man to be thus honored during his lifetime. The first such monument was dedicated to a Canadian missionary.

Dr. Ayers retired from active service in 1934 and made his home in Atlanta.

He is survived by five children, one of whom is Dr. Sanford E. Ayers, Southern Baptist medical missionary of the China staff.

Woman's Missionary Union

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Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson
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Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

LINN W. M. U. has already given \$403.00 for the Lottie Moon offering and Mrs. McDade writes that they are continuing "to glean." That is a wonderful response.

FELLOWSHIP G. A.'s AND R. A.'s



Pictured here are the boys and girls that participated in the Coronation and Recognition service held in Fellowship Baptist Church at Natchez, Mesdames T. E. Bennett and John McCormick are counselors for the Girls' Auxiliaries and the counselors for the Royal Ambassadors are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Oglesby. There were the following recognized: 3 maidens; 3 Ladies in Waiting; 2 Princesses and Tommie Sue Bennett was crowned Queen. There were 6 pages and 1 squire recognized. Following the service, each group was entertained in the homes of their counselors.

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NOTICE: A check from Jackson, Miss., was sent to Mrs. Gordon Barlow, Smithfield, Va. for her daughter, Miss Hannah Lee Barlow, missionary to Japan. The letter has been lost so will the donor please contact Mrs. Barlow so that she can give this information to her daughter and acknowledge the gift.

CONGRATULATIONS First Baptist Church, Jackson—the one full graded A-I organization in our state—several other WMU's lacked only one or two points! There were 50 A-I Missionary Societies—certificates of recognition have been sent to each.

FIRST TIME—in the history of Mississippi WMU that we have passed the 1,000 mark in Missionary Societies—this is a splendid accomplishment to record for the Jubilee year.

Only 15! There were 158 Baptist Churches in the state that did not contribute through the Cooperative Program—only 15 of these had Missionary Societies made offerings through the Weeks of Praise.

HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER—March 1-5

Missionary Societies make your plans to study "In Evangeline Country" or "The New Orleans Story"—50 cents each. Be sure a copy of the Resource book for teachers—price 50 cents.

According to the annual reports received in our office, the following organizations are A-I for the past year:

YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:
Collins Baptist Church, Collins, Mississippi, First Baptist Church, Columbus, First Baptist Church, Grenada, First Baptist Church,

Gulfport, Ingomar Baptist Church, Ingomar, First Baptist Church, Jackson, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carrollton, Baptist Church, North Carrollton, Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Lucedale, Calvary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.

SUNBEAM BANDS:

Ackerman, First, Amory (Polly Morris), First Amory (Winnie Ayers), First, Amory (Anna Elson), Batesville, First, Biloxi, First, Carthage, First, Cleveland, Calvary, Clinton, Collinsville, Concord, Weir, Crosby Crystal Springs, First Emmanuel, Grenada, Gerenville, 2nd, Gulfport, First, Hernando, Hernando (Eudaly), Hernando (Belote), Holly Springs, Jackson, First (McRae), Jackson, First, (J. T. McRay), Jackson, First (DeFore) Jackson, Highland, Jonestown, McAdams, McComb, First (Cornelia Leavell), Meridian, 15th Ave. Meridian, First, Meridian, Highland, Sumner, First, Union, First, Union, First, Verona, Tupelo, Yazoo City, First.

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The original sheet is white, the duplicate sheet is pink, and the triplicate sheet is blue. The latter two are perforated so that they may be torn into eight separate memos. In Junior and Intermediate unions the leader will likely keep the white sheet in the Worker's Plan Book. The other two may be torn apart and passed out, or either one of them can be filed as a complete sheet by the department director.

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STATE WINNERS ADULT MISSION STORY FEATURE

Out of 15 Adults who were eligible to participate in the Adult Mission Story Feature at the State Training Union Convention, on Dec. 29, 10 adults were present and participated in this feature. By participation in this feature each of the 10 Adults were declared state winners and received a certificate of recognition. Mr. Auber J. Wilds, former Training Union Secretary of Mississippi, conducted the Adult Mission Story Feature and awarded the certificates. The state winners are listed as follows: District 1, Mrs. Frank Sills, Griffith Memorial Church of Jackson, Hinds Association; Mrs. Ruth Towles of Calvary Church, Cleveland, Bolivar Association; District 2; District 3, Mrs. Mark Hunter of Calvary Church, Greenwood, Leflore Association; District 4, Mrs. Christine Dancy of Crowder Church, Riverside Association; District 7, Mrs. Hannon Neal of Derna Church, Calhoun Association; District 10, Mrs. B. M. Breland of Harpersville Church, Scott Association; District 11, Mrs. B. E. Crenshaw of New Ireland Church, New-

ton Association; District 12, Mrs. Morene Cochran of McLain First, Greene Association; District 13, Mrs. Julius W. Grubbs of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Lebanon Association; District 15, Mrs. Connie Allen of Mt. Zion Church, Brookhaven, Lincoln Association. JUNIOR MEMORY WORK DRILL

Out of 99 Junior Boys and Girls who were eligible to participate in the State Junior Memory Work Drill, 54 were present. Of this number there were nine state winners. They are listed as follows: Billie Ann Bates, Goshen Springs, Leesburg Church, Rankin Association; Sylvia Carol, Hattiesburg, Main Street Church, Lebanon Association; David Delk, Hattiesburg, Main Street Church, Lebanon Association; Marie Rezier, Cleveland, Morrison Chapel, Bolivar Association; Linda Russell, Yazoo City, First Baptist Church, Yazoo Association; Margaret Lee, Brookhaven, Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln Association; Glenda Moore, Philadelphia, Coldwater Church, Neshoba Association; Buster Stubblefield, Jackson, First Baptist Church, Hinds Association; Betsy Ross, Philadelphia, Coldwater, Neshoba Association.

PRIMARY STORY TIME (Group 1-Age 6)

District 1, John Brookshire of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, Hinds Association; District 7, Walter Stewart Peden, Houlika Church, Chickasaw Association; District 8, Nancy McDowell of Concord Church, Ackerman, Choctaw Association; District 9, Betty Ann Bacheld, Kosciusko First, Attala Association; District 11, Sue Dear, Bay Springs Church, Jasper Association; District 12, June Ainsworth, Lucedale Church, George Association; District 13, John Adams, Gulfport First, Gulf Coast Association. (Group 2-Age 7)

District 1, Jeanne Kinard, Griffith Church, Hinds; District 9, Janet Herring, Ethel Church, Attala; District 11, Carol Britt, Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, Lauderdale Association; District 12, Diane Gambrell, Summerland Church, Jones Association; District 15, Frances Jane Hughes, Mt. Vernon Church, Peoria, Mississippi Association. (Group 3-Age 8)

District 1, Gary Henley, Pilgrim's Rest Church, Crystal Springs, Copiah Association; District 7, Josephine Peden, Houlika Church, Chickasaw Association; District 8, Andra Jane Prewals, Chester Church of Ackerman, Choctaw Association; District 9, Robert Brooks, Freney Church of Carthage, Leake Association; District 11, Charlie Ann Connell, Southside Church, Meridian, Lauderdale Association; District 12, Margaret Gregg, Summerland Church, Jones Association; District 14, Gwendolyn Keys of Salem Church, Collins, Covington Association; District 15, Billy Kisner, Brookhaven First, Lincoln Association.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Thrasher Is No. 1076

Rev. Hayward Moore, pastor of Thrasher Church in Prentiss county, seems to be going places. Two of his churches now have the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. The latest church to join this growing list is Thrasher. After having tried the Baptist Record for a few weeks, the church voted to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Record readers in Prentiss county are now listed as follows: Baldwin, 68; Booneville, 246; Candler's Chapel, 24; East Prentiss, 1; Gaston, 33; Mt. Olive, 70; Osburn Creek, 34; Thrasher, 21; Wheeler, 39; Pleasant Ridge, 17; Shiloh, 27.

Everitt Chapel

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive Every Family plan of the Baptist Record is Everitt Chapel in Bolivar county.

Miss Fan Ann Anderson of Deen is the church treasurer.

Record readers in Bolivar county are now listed as follows: BENOIT, 62; Bolivar Mission, 9; BOYLE, 92; CENTERFIELD, 40; CLEVELAND, FIRST, 363; DUNCAN, 44; GUNNISON, 28; INTERSTATE, 29; MERIGOLD, 62; Morrison Chapel, 115; NILAND CHAPEL, 28; PACE, 31; PROVIDENCE, 47; ROSEDALE, 61; Walter Bank Memorial (Shaw), 3; SHELBY, 81; SKENE, 59; SUNNYSIDE, 19; WAXHAW, 37; CALVARY, 80; EVERITT CHAPEL, 16.

Old Oak Grove Is Number 1077

Old Oak Grove Church in Union County has joined the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN of The Baptist Record.

Recently Mrs. E. R. Brownlee, of Route 1, Myrtle, sent the list, with the instructions to start The Baptist Record. That means that the Old Oak Grove Baptist are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Union County are now listed as follows:

Aahziah, 2; BLUE SPRINGS, 31; CENTER, 74; ELLISTON (NEW PROSPECT), 69; Enterprise, 14; GLENFIELD, 70; INGOMAR, 93; Jericho, 2; Liberty, 1; MARTIN, 80; MYRTLE, 38; NEW ALBANY, FIRST, 450; Neely Memorial, 18; OLD OAK GROVE, 27; Pleasant Hill, 13; Pleasant Ridge, 3; TEMPLE, 27; WALLERVILLE, 64; PLE, 27; WADERSVILLE, 64; LOCUST GROVE, 31.

Figures Don't Lie

Few, if any, doubt that the Baptist Record helps in any church. Certainly it makes a difference in finances. In checking over the Baptist Record subscriptions in one of Mississippi's good counties, we recently found that all the churches except about seven had the Baptist Record.

It is interesting to note the The Baptist Record does help.

AN APOLOGY

In the issue of the Baptist Record of December 31, there appeared a picture representing Rev. Ray Dykes presenting to the writer for safe-keeping in the library of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society the old Record Books of the Black Jack (Bethel) Baptist Church of Yazoo County. This took place some two years ago when Brother Dykes was pastor of that church, or had just resigned, perhaps; but is now pastor of one of the churches in Jackson. Since the latter fact was not stated beneath the picture, an erroneous impression has gotten abroad, and I hereby make public apology to the present pastor, Rev. James Allgood, and the Black Jack Church for the unintentional slip-up.

Fraternally,
J. L. BOYD, Custodian.

MRS. C. J. OLANDER

Mrs. C. J. Olander of Morgan City died in Jackson Friday afternoon January 8 following an illness of several years. Mrs. Olander was the former Ruth Neely, a native of Yazoo County. Following her marriage in 1919 to Rev. C. J. Olander, she had lived in Oakland, Ky., Booneville, Harpersville and Brandon, where Mr. Olander held pastorates. For the past 19 years she has lived in Morgan City, where her husband has served as pastor of the church there.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, John, of Jackson; Dan, a student at Baylor University, Waco, and Bob, United States Army stationed in Germany; one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Dacus of Flora; two granddaughters, Ruth Ellen Dacus and Sallie Lee Olander; her father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Neely of Jackson; three brothers, Carl B. Neely and Paul E. Neely, both of Jackson, and Capt. John W. Neely, United States Army in Paris, France; two sisters, Miss Celeste Neely and Mrs. H. E. Montgomery, both of Jackson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 10, from the Morgan City Church, with interment in the Canton City cemetery.

difference in the finances of these churches. The seven churches without the Baptist Record averaged 24 cents per member for the past associational year in contributions to the Cooperative Program.

The eleven churches that have the Baptist Record as a part of their program averaged 1.83 per member for the Cooperative Program. In other words, the Baptist Record churches averaged 1.59 more per member per year to the Cooperative Program than did the non-Baptist Record churches. However, the seven non-Baptist Record churches are country churches. Therefore in order to be perfectly fair, we eliminated the town churches in the association and still the country churches with the Baptist Record average 91 cents per member for the Cooperative Program, as compared to the 24 cents for the non-Baptist Record churches.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor G. H. Suttle of the Lucedale Church sends a check for the subscription for every family of the church for the year 1929.

The Children's Circle during the past year had contributed "more than \$500.00 to the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans and the Baptist Orphanage." Seven hundred children took part under the leadership of Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, wife of the editor of the Baptist Record.

The Braxton Church closed a great revival on December 19 with 17 additions. Pastor B. A. McCullough had as helpers Evangelist D. W. Smith and Singer Atley J. Cooper.

For the six years he was pastor of the Magee Baptist Church, 1923 to 1928, J. L. Boyd also served as clerk of Simpson County Baptist Association and was awarded the second highest award of \$15.00 by the Sunday School Board for the second best minutes in the state of Mississippi; and the highest award of \$25.00 for the best minutes for each of the years 1926 and 1927.

On December 26, while the students were away on their Christmas vacation, the fire at Blue Mountain swept from the campus of Blue Mountain College nearly every building made of wood. The fire started in the home of Mrs. J. W. Godwin in the southern part of town about four hundred yards from the campus. A strong wind carried the flames across the distance and before it was brought under control, five residences were destroyed, while four which caught were saved. The Berry building and the B. G. Dormitory were complete losses. The total loss was estimated at around \$100,000, not to mention the inestimable libraries of President L. T. Lowrey and Professor E. B. Hatcher.

... In December forty-three official representatives of state convention boards, the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Southern Baptist agencies, voted unanimously to create co-operatively a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia; elected Norman W. Cox to be the managing editor; and provided an editorial committee to prepare a blue print and specifications of the proposed project. Dr. C. W. Pope was elected chairman of the general committee and Dr. Orin Cornett, secretary.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary



Above is a picture of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church of Jackson with integrated choirs that presented the "Carols of Many Nations" for the Christmas program. This was a program of Candle-light Carol Service. The Director of Music is Mr. H. Lowrey Haynie; Organist, Miss Dorothy Jean Kenna; Pianist, Mrs. Robert W. King; Pastor, Rev. Lewis Rhodes.

This type of program is characteristic of many such programs presented throughout the state during the Christmas season, using several choirs. There were more than 100 members of the choirs used in this program.

"New Testament Christians did not stand and say, 'Look what the world is coming to,' but look what has come to the world."

The Missionaries' Luggage

If I had not happened to meet them on their way to Nigeria I do not suppose I should have given the attention I subsequently did to the departure of a Southern Baptist doctor and his wife with their two children for their new field of missionary service. Of course, they had been inoculated for yellow fever, typhoid, tetanus, typhus, and smallpox. And, of course, they will get accustomed to the regular doses of anti-malaria medicine. But I had not realized how much luggage was necessary — four big trunks and more than thirty large boxes. Here are some of the items which have now, I expect, arrived in Ogbomosho, Nigeria: a stove, to be fed by wood, a washing machine, a sewing machine, bed springs and mattresses, a pressure cooker, three dozen jars filled with various commodities for the table, thirty bed sheets with dozens of towels and cloths (for entertaining when the Nigerian Baptist Convention comes to Ogbomosho), clothes for three years, and of course, surgical and medical instruments for the doctor's use in the hospital.

These will have a special significance for Dr. George Faile, for they were provided by his home church in South Carolina, which was organized by his grandfather, where his father was a deacon, and his mother now an invalid, still has her membership. I wonder whether some dusky son of Africa, as he sees these precious boxes arriving at the hospital, will not exclaim, "There sure is love in them boxes." —From British Baptist Times.

...The Hawaii Baptist Convention reports sixteen churches with 2705 members for 1953. The churches reported 357 baptisms, 5423 enrolled in Sunday School, 1296 in Training Union, 96 in Brotherhood, and 1239 in W. M. U. Total receipts were \$157,348, of which \$23,427 were given for missions.

Catholic Superstitions

Our Sunday Visitor, a national Catholic action paper (Huntington, Indiana) gives the following in bold headlines: "How You Can Pray to Our Blessed Mother And Actually Touch Beads Containing Water From the Miraculous Spring Created at Mary's Request. . . Beads Contain Water From the Miraculous Fountain at Lourdes. The Exact Place Where St. Bernadette Saw the Vision Of The Blessed Virgin Mary!"

Did you ever know of a clearer illustration of medieval superstition and hoodoo-ism than this kind of propaganda. You thought that we were living in an age of enlightenment and understanding, yet some of our people are led astray by this kind of stuff that is very little short of the superstitions of savages. We are surprised really that Roman Catholic priests still try to hoodwink and blindfold the unsuspecting constituency. —Arkansas Baptist.

Conference Speaker



DR. ALFRED CARPENTER

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director Chaplain's Commission, Home Mission Board, will be among the visiting speakers for the State Evangelistic Conference next week.

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Offering January 24

Albuquerque, N. Mex. —(BP)—

Roy Sutton, Brotherhood and Foundation secretary, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, resigned to accept the pastorate of the South Denver Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.

Sutton will serve as first pastor of the newly organized church, and expects to assume his duties January 3.

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Complete 1954 Schedules Announced For Ridgecrest And Glorieta

RIDGECREST

June 2-9	Southern Baptist Student Retreat
June 10-16	Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp
June 17-23)
June 24-30) Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference
July 1-7)
July 8-14)
July 15-21) Southern Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly
July 22-28)
July 29-Aug. 4	Foreign Missions Conference
	Writers' Conference
	Baptist Brotherhood Conference
August 5-11	Woman's Missionary Union Conference
August 12-18	Business Woman's Circles
August 19-25	Home Mission Board Conference
	RIDGECREST BIBLE CONFERENCE
	Relief and Annuity Board Conference
	School for Church Librarians
	Audio-Visual Aids Workshop
	Leadership Conference on Christian Recreation
	The Christian Life Conference
	Southern Baptist Historical Commission Conference
August 26-31	Convention-wide Church Music Conference

GLORIETA

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	Writer's Conference



Offering January 24

"The great need of America today is more weeping Christians. It is a terrible tragedy that we have more Baptist tears shed in movie theatres than in churches, so many people who weep more freely over the imaginary troubles of some Hollywood divorcee than over all the lost souls in the world —Howard E. Butt, Jr.

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Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
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FOR JANUARY 17
JESUS AND NICODEMUS
BIBLE TEXT: John 3
I. NICODEMUS

This is familiarly known as the Nicodemus Chapter. Some things should be said concerning the setting of this wonderful conversation between this remarkable man and the Lord of Life. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, which means that he was a scrupulously religious man. He was a ruler of the Jews, which means that he was a highly cultured man. In very personal question the Lord asked him, "Art thou the teacher of Israel?" I am calling your attention to the fact that the Lord did not say, "Art thou A teacher of Israel?"

Every Greek text of this passage I have ever examined (and I have examined quite a few) has the definite article which makes the question read, "Art thou THE teacher of Israel?" From this the inference is inescapable that Nicodemus stood chief of the teachers of the Pharisees, that his position is comparable to what in the present day would be the President of the Rabbinical College in Jerusalem. It has been well said that Nicodemus has been traduced and unjustly criticized by those who sneer at him for coming to Jesus by night.

I am fully persuaded that his course in coming to Jesus by night was dictated by his desire to have personal private communion with the remarkable man who had so recently come into prominence among the Jewish people. The subject he wished to discuss with this man whom he regarded as a teacher sent from God was one a bit too profound for all the members of such a crowd as thronged our Lord at this stage of his ministry. In what he said, as well as in what he did, he appeared to Nicodemus as none less than a teacher come from God. Hence, the visit by night.

II. THE CONVERSATION

The first words of Nicodemus were of lofty appreciation of a superlative person. The response of the Lord to this complimentary speech of Nicodemus went straight to the point of the profoundest and most important problem to which a religious philosopher has ever devoted thought. Even today there are hundreds of millions of people who subscribe to an opinion which leaders of great masses of people have passed down from generation to generation across the millenniums, "You can not change human nature." One hears this opinion pronounced upon every hand, "Man is a fighting animal; he never will keep a peace, you can not change human nature."

Jesus! reply to Nicodemus, "I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." is a statement straight in the face of this ancient lie, "You cannot change human nature." The whole course of God's ways with men since the sin of our parents in the garden is a denial of this statement. Human

nature can be changed and the possibility of that change is the reason and the only reason that even God could give for the sending of His Son our Saviour into this sin-sunken world unto this sin-enslaved race.

Of course, this was strange for Nicodemus who had lived all his life a religious man after the strict teaching of the sect of Jewish puritans known under the name of the Pharisees. His religious life had been one of strictest, sternest discipline, of meticulous observance of ceremonies, of earnest effort to obey the prescribed commandments. His outward conduct in conformity with the religious demands of his order was no doubt very fine. The trouble with it was that the whole system had become mechanical, wholly for want of a change in human nature.

In this mistake in his thinking and consequent failure in his conduct Nicodemus was disregarding the fact that the prophets of the Lord had from of old and repeatedly declared that the supreme requirement in a religion pleasing to God was a new heart, a new enter life, a change in human nature, a rebirth from above. Nicodemus' failure to grasp this fundamental truth dictated his disparaging explanation, "How can these things be?" Our Lord's answer was an effort to make this fine ceremonialist understand a spiritual truth.

Before this puzzled question of THE Teacher of Israel our Lord had attempted to solve His problem by saying, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Because this statement hence to the literalist of a necessity for water of baptism, sage old Doctor A. T. Robertson once said in my hearing, "Some of us Baptist preachers almost wish the Lord hadn't said that" and then he assagly continued, "Nicodemus was a ceremonialist: you are a literalist."

In helping the ceremonialist out of his difficulty, our Lord helped you into one. By which the great old Doctor meant an illusion to the fact that water to a Pharisee symbolized the purifying element the immaterial Spirit of God and has the Lord's saying, "Unless one is born of that which purifies, even as the Spirit he can not enter into the kingdom of God."

III. THE REASON FOR THE SAVIOUR'S COMING AND THE SCOPE OF ITS EFFECTS

1. The reason for our Saviour's coming—God so loved the world. The coming of our Saviour was an expression of the love of God. It is trite to say that love in the sense in which the word is here used is the loftiest motive that moves any person to action. It is the distinctive quality in the perfect character of God. Here it is his love with reference to the whole world of men, bad in the very best examples of them of whatever race or creed or tongue.

2. The Scope of its effects. (Read again the whole verse). The effects of this gift of God to a sinful world reaches up to the heart of the Eternal. "God so loved the

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Miss Shirley Ann Boyd, of Pleasant Grove Church, Lincoln Association, has a perfect record in Sunday School for five years. Shirley is an intermediate, and her teacher is Mrs. Felder E. Dickey.

Rev. Woodrow W. Clark is the pastor.

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February Calendar Of Activities

- 1-2—Leadership Conferences & Brotherhood Rallies.
- 1-6—Focus Week, Miss. College.
- 4-5—Leadership conferences & Brotherhood Rallies.
- 7—Baptist World Alliance Sunday.
- 7-14—BSU Dedicated Vocations Week.
- 8-9—Leadership conferences & Brotherhood Rallies.
- 8-10—State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Newton.
- 11-12—Leadership conferences & Brotherhood Rallies.
- 14—BSU Life Commitment day.
- 14-20—Y. W. A. Focus week.
- 15-17—Religious Education Association Meeting, Biloxi.
- 15-18—Associational Missionaries Institute, Mississippi College.
- 22—State Planning Meeting for Associational Music Directors and Missionaries.

world". Herein the sublimity of its effects.

Secondly, it reaches down to the profundity of the sin of the world. The deep-down depths of the world's degradation and vice of sin in every one of its disgusting forms have not, do not, shall not, be beyond the downward reach of the love of God or of the salvatory effects of His unspeakable gift.

Third its effects in their outward reach enclose the most distant soul on the farthest isle of the last archipelago of the ultimate sea. "Whosoever" is the name of every man in all the races and tribes and tongues.

And lastly, its onward reach stretched beyond the last syllable of recorded time and into the unmeasured and boundless stretches of the future eternity. "Shall never perish, but shall have eternal life". "When we've been there ten million years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun." Thus the effects are high as sublimity, deep as profundity, broad as immensity, long as eternity.

—BR—

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were Rev. G. W. Smith, Bassfield; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Raleigh; Rev. J. T. Berch, Jackson; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Rev. Hal D. Bennett and Rev. Marlon A. Stroup, New Orleans; Dr. Fred Moseley, Bogalusa, La.; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica.

O. R. DANIELS RESIGNS AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT VAN WINKLE CHURCH



REV. O. R. DANIELS

Rev. Oster R. Daniels, associate pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Daniels' resignation will become effective February 15.

The First Baptist Church of Siloam Springs has a resident membership of 960, and one mission with a membership of 53.

Mrs. Daniels has been very active in the program of the church at Van Winkle. She is a teacher of an adult class, serving as church organist and is serving temporarily as church secretary.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the 1953 minutes of the Pike County Association. They were sent to the Record by the clerk, Rev. J. A. Terrell. The minutes are attractively prepared and equally as attractively printed.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- January 18—W.M.S. Focus Week; State Evangelistic Conference, NFirst Church, Jackson.
- January 19—K. Z. Stevens Lowndes County Convention Board member; Dell Mays, Sunflower Jr. College BSU President.
- January 20—Albert Guyton, Blue Mountain College trustee; Roy McMaster, Winston Associational Brotherhood president.
- January 21—James Jordan, Vicksburg, Baptist Orphanage trustee; January 22—Rev. Frank Roberts, Greene Associational Sunday School Supt.; Claude Anthony, Leflore Associational Training Union director.
- January 23—Mrs. W. H. McMahon, Alta a. Associational Sunday School Supt.; Rev. A. L. McGaugh, Newton, Board of Ministerial Education.
- January 24—Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, Mississippi College trustee.

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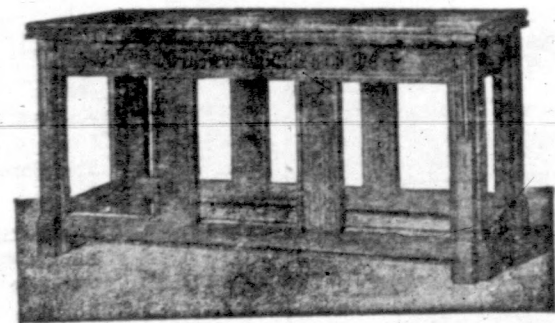
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MRS. W. L. BLANKINSHIP

Mrs. W. L. Blankinship, superintendent of Cradle Roll work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct these conferences at our three Mississippi Sunday School Conventions, at Cleveland, Yazoo City and Natchez on March 9-10-11.

We sincerely hope that many Cradle Roll workers over the state will plan now to take advantage of the excellent help available these three days from the wide experiences of this capable worker who will be in our state.

Also, pastors and superintendents of churches that do not have Cradle Roll work, start now toward getting such and enlist some good woman from your church to attend Mrs. Blankinship's conferences and learn about it and how to organize one.

The Cradle Roll department is one of the most far-reaching in the entire school in its effect upon all the other departments. It will go far in helping to build up the work of any school, and to reach many more people.

PUT THESE CONVENTION DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Be sure and put the dates of our Sunday School Conventions this year on your calendar, and start now to make the most of them by having as many of your people attend as possible. We have a great program.

The time: March 9-10-11.

The places: Cleveland, First; Yazoo City, First; Natchez, First.

AWARDS RECORD FOR NOVEMBER, 1953

No. awards for November... 3,021
No. awards to date... 7,294
No. churches to date... 228
No. associations to date... 64

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds... 571
Lauderdale... 563
Union... 247
Lebanon... 164
Lincoln... 127

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Jackson Parkway... 180
Meridian 15th Ave... 178
Natchez First... 137
Jackson First... 135
Meridian First... 87

STANDARDS

Cradle Roll: Hattiesburg, Temple, Mrs. G. E. Waites, superintendent.

Nursery: Jackson, First, Dept. 5, Miss Helen Johnson, supt.

Beginner: Kosciusko, First, Mrs. W. T. Brown, supt., Jackson, Parkway, Mrs. George R. Munton, supt., Mrs. A. J. Langston, supt., Mrs. R. R. Burns, supt.; Mendenhall, Mrs. Essie Nunnery, supt.; Hazlehurst, First, rs. W. A. Shaw supt.

Primary: Ripley, First, Mrs. Fred Morton, supt.; Jackson, Parkway, Mrs. O. C. Strickland, supt., Mrs. Ernest Hemphill supt., Miss Carolyn Madison supt.; Laurel, Second Avenue, Miss Jessie L. Bush, supt.

Primary Classes: Ripley, First, Mrs. Jim Meadows, Mrs. N. L. Jones, Mrs. John Peeler, Mrs. Asa Dickerson, Teachers; Jackson Parkway, Mrs. T. M. Steele, Sr., Mrs. C. A. Head, Jr., Miss Mary Ethel Ross, Mrs. H. E. Wade, Mrs. R. E. Lee, Jr., Mrs. Homer Thompson, Miss Laura Collum, Miss Phoebe Frazier, Mrs. Carter Buraside, Teachers; Vicksburg, First, Mrs. Bernard Sapp, Mrs. Lloyd B. Tanner, Teachers; Jackson, First, Miss Sue Horton, Teacher; Laurel, Second Avenue, Mrs. Ossie E. Mahaffey, Mrs. Mildred Tolar, Mrs. M. G. Smith, Mrs. B. J. Martin, Mrs. Lee T. Duckworth, Teachers.

Junior Classes: Vicksburg, King Daughters, Mrs. R. L. Smith, teacher, Knights of the King, Mr. Lloyd B. Tanner, teacher; Jackson, Parkway, Workers, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, teacher, Six Pointers, Mr. R. H. Walker, teacher Church Goers, Mrs. R. H. Walker, teacher; Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive, Willing Workers, Miss Annie Freeman, teacher; Meridian, Southside, Bible Learners, Mrs. G. M. Boyle, teacher.

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Madrid —RNS— A request by the Spanish Reformed Church that it be permitted to reopen a chapel in Salamanca has been turned down by the Minister of Interior. The Reformed Church has two chapels in Salamanca but one has always remained open. It also was learned here that permission was refused by the Ministry of Interior for Baptists to open a new center in Barcelona.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 10, 1954

Laurel, First	495	162
Meridian, 41st Ave.	279	99
West Laurel	382	148
Hattiesburg, Main St.	834	340
Springfield (Scott Co.)	140	79
Flowood	91	100
Richland (Rankin Co.)	105	62
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	128	58
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	90	63
Calhoun City, First	261	114
Hernando	166	63
Grenada, Emmanuel	216	92
Futheyville Mission	14	
Charleston, First	351	120
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	75	78
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	193	89
Corinth, Tate St.	253	71
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	267	80
Clarksdale	260	65
Shiloh (Marion Co.)	46	53
Jackson:		
Crestwood	538	337
Southside	311	131
Calvary	1019	384
Main	968	339
Mission	51	45
West Jackson	204	114
First	1065	495
Van Winkle	345	227
Leavell Woods	100	87
Parkway	808	449
Daniel Memorial	474	228
Northside	371	91
Breadmoor	257	129
Aberdeen, First	254	117
Pascagoula, First	846	313
Main	697	230
Jackson Ave.	58	30
McArthur Chapel	51	30
Orange Grove	40	23
East McComb	334	196
New Albany, First	445	122
Mission	28	
Harmony (Tippah)	79	78
Nola (Lawrence)	40	55
Cleveland, First	393	153
Yazoo City, First	468	158
New Prospect (Lincoln)	116	93
Kreole	113	62
Holly Bluff	60	51
Oral (Lamar)	92	67
Center Terrace	225	114
McComb, Friendship	120	60
McComb, Locust St.	48	37
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	85	51
Gulfport, New Hope	99	51
Darling	70	14
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	109	72
Brookhaven, First	635	281
Main	543	210
Southway	58	52
Halbert Heights	34	19
Glenfield (Union Co.)	76	71
Kosciusko, First	517	250
Biloxi, Trinity	175	88
Long Beach, First	227	77
Main	191	
29th St. Mission	36	
Biloxi, First	484	171
Roseland Park	125	56
Clinton	567	335

ANTHONY GOES TO LA.



CLAUDE ANTHONY

Claude Anthony has resigned as Music and educational director of Calvary Church in Greenwood to accept the position of educational director of the First Church of Lake Charles, La., effective Jan. 15.

During the 19 months Mr. Anthony has served the church along with its former pastor, Dr. R. A. Tullos, now pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church of Vicksburg and Rev. Dan Morton, present pastor, the church has experienced growth in all phases. The Sunday School grew from an enrollment of 640 with 8 departments to 862 with 19 departments. The Training Union from 269 with 5 departments to an enrollment of 312 with 8 departments. There have been 276 additions to the church with 115 for baptism.

New Hope (Jones Co.)	40	34
Hazlehurst	93	273
Mantee	135	56
Laurel, Highland	153	78
Petal Harvey	324	160
Main	308	
Harvey	16	
Gulfport, First	869	293
Newton, First	363	263
Laurel, Wildwood	128	59
Greenwood, Calvary	285	158
Laurel, Hillcrest	80	99
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	181	115
Laurel, Harmony	136	86
Pelahatchie	162	74
Main	146	
Mission	16	
West Point, Calvary	145	118
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	39	54

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New Hope (Marion Co.)	172	121
North Oxford	145	110
McComb, Locust St.	69	58
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	82	55
Oxford, First	492	140

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

Brother in Mental Hospital

Question: I have a brother who is now in our state mental hospital. He is 27 years old and in the past five years has been in this institution over half of the time.

He has used liquor excessively, doped, and gambled. The folks thought that he must be insane and put him in the hospital. He has been given all sorts of treatment but each time he is released he starts running around again. For the past eight months he has not been given any treatments but the doctors say that he is not ready to get out. They call him a psychopathic patient. If you know anything about them I would appreciate hearing from you.

Answer: The psychopathic personalities are those who "act out their primitive impulses without regard to the rules and regulations laid down by society"—or for that matter, God. They are not insane (or psychotic) and some authorities do not consider them neurotic. They often come from good homes and are usually very bright, attractive people. They are morally deformed and twisted and are extremely difficult to help. Few of them are ever cured, and when they are it is usually necessary to have them under controlled conditions, such as a hospital.

Unless your brother can be treated successfully, which is unlikely, it will be best for him and for society, if he can remain in a hospital the remainder of his life. Otherwise he will be in and out of jails.

The hospital is probably doing what they can for your brother. Shock treatments and the like do no good for such cases. Stand by the doctors and don't take your brother out until they advise it. (Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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The Christian College For Women

By WALTER F. TAYLOR
Dean, Blue Mountain College

Editors Note: This article appeared in the March issue of the "Southern Baptist Educator." It should be of interest to our readers.

In a will bequeathing three million dollars to certain Eastern colleges for women, Mrs. Thomas W. Lamont gave this explanation of her choice of beneficiaries:—"I believe... that the independent four-year colleges for women perform a unique educational service in the quality of their teaching, in readiness to pioneer in new educational fields and methods, (and) in setting high intellectual, moral, and spiritual standards."

It must be heartening to us all to come upon such substantial support for a healthful individuality in higher education. Mrs. Lamont, as is clear from other statements in her will, had in mind the extent to which the patterns of popular thinking about higher education have been imprinted with the stereotype of the big university, powerful, secular, and coeducational. Without decrying the value of the universities, she has recognized also the value of variations from their pattern, the value of colleges devoted to their own particular goals and ways of life.

Even more sharply than the "independent" woman's college, the Christian college for women varies from the dominant big-university pattern, and by virtue of that variation performs a "unique educational service." Its distinct individuality, its own peculiar field of work, grows out of its nature as (1) a Christian college, (2) a college—that is, a college of liberal arts, and (3) a college for women. In each of these capacities and in all three combined, the Christian college for women creates its own unique and special values.

1. The case for Christian education in general applies, of course, to the Christian college for women. It is to the Christian colleges—to them almost exclusively—that the Church must turn for its own leaders. In the Christian college the Church finds the one agency in higher education that acts positively to preserve and nourish the faith of its young people. And Christianity is itself the greatest single educative force known to mankind.

Indeed, the Christian who has never been to college has had, in many important ways a better education than the college graduate who has never been to church. From the poetic expression of the Bible he has had the fund of imagery and symbol which is the heart and core of imaginative literature. In the hymns of the church he has met with profound and varied emotion and its expression in music. From the stories of the Old Testament he has had those illustrations of ethics—of both good and evil—which even the agnostic Huxley thought essential for British schoolchildren. From the philosophy of Christianity he has derived that certainty of direction, that integration, without which the educational structure collapses into aimlessness. And by that same

philosophy he has been worthily instructed in the nature of man—a nature not that of "a mechanism, and a badly driven mechanism, at that," but of a spiritual being, only a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor. The Christian college for women shares in, and conveys to its students, these priceless educational values of Christianity.

2. It shares also the special functions and values of the college of liberal arts, as contrasted with those of the large university. Many things could be said of the special work of the moderate-sized college, and especially of its service in treating the student as a person belonging organically within a living community, and not as a statistic on an I.B.M. card. It may easily develop, however, that the one most valuable service of the liberal arts college is that of holding a reasonable balance between "general" and "vocational" education.

In many of our universities that balance has been lost; the general curriculum has been devastated by the inroads of professional groups; and the university itself has split into a loose confederation of professional schools. Torn by demands and pressures from the professional schools, the liberal arts division is left in the uneasily position of a man with his four limbs lashed to four wild horses. Under such circumstances, the time available for general education has dwindled from four years to three, to two, and, in some instances, to one. The recent widespread debate over general education has sometimes served (though not so intended merely to smoke-screen the conditions that are actually destroying general education, by whittling away to the vanishing point the time devoted to it.

The denominational college feels these disruptive pressures far less keenly. It can and does educate its students broadly and in a general awareness of life. Its position is uniquely favorable to the work of conveying to its students our priceless heritage of culture and discipline from the Christian and classical past.

This is not to say that the liberal arts college neglects vocational education. Far from it. To the woman's college, especially, the preparation of students for some rewarding vocation is increasingly important, since, in our exacting times, the wife as well as the husband must often work outside the home. Blue Mountain College, of which I can speak personally, takes no little pride in the success of its students in sixty-eight different vocations, from newspaper editing to librarianship from church secretarial work to textiles research. Emphatically the liberal arts college helps prepare its students to earn a livelihood; but it does not permit vocational education to take over the curriculum. Its special excellence, in which the college for women shares is the just balancing and blending of the vocational and the general.

3. But what may be said of the particular services of the woman's

college, as distinguished from the liberal arts college in general? That the woman's colleges do have something distinctive to offer is suggested by the continuing demand for their work. In popularity, as in many other ways, the pace is set for them by some of the fine Eastern institutions—Smith, Vassar, Wellesley—which have shown a sustained ability to draw and hold students and financial support. Their public is evidently convinced that they offer, in the words of their benefactor Mrs. Lamont a "unique educational service."

That service consists in part in creating an environment in which women play the active and leading parts in student activities, and in, doing so develop a know-how and a self-confidence that are born of practical success. In the coeducational college, the really responsible student offices are usually held and dominated by men. There, although a girl may be chosen out of courtesy to a routine office—a secretariatship or vice-presidency—she must usually accept the status of a second-class citizen, and in that passive role cannot easily acquire the poise that springs from successful achievement.

In the woman's college, on the contrary, the presidencies of the student government, of the classes of the athletic council, and of many other organizations the editorships of the college publications, and numerous other positions of real responsibility and difficulty, are necessarily held by women. Those who hold these offices develop by means of them; their schoolmates come to take for granted that responsible and successful leadership is a sphere appropriate for women. Anyone who believes heartily in the value of student activities as I do will hardly be surprised to observe, among young women who have successfully conducted them, a deftness, competence, and social adequacy that will later prove invaluable.

It is the belief of President Lynn White of Mills College that this poise and adequacy serve the woman's college alumna, not merely in general, but in the particular concerns of marriage and homemaking. In an article in *Farper's Magazine* for October, 1952, President White points out that the marriage rate of alumnae of non-Catholic woman's colleges slightly exceeds that of their coeducated sisters. Catholic institutions for obvious reasons, constitute a special case.) Typical of research on the subject are the findings of the Population Reference Bureau of Washington:—that among 60,000 alumnae of the classes 1921-25 and 1936-40, the marriage rate of the coeds was 73 percent; that of the graduates of woman's colleges, 7 percent.

Among the alumnae of Blue Mountain College the marriage rate was, when last investigated, 83 percent; and at a time when the national divorce rate is well above 30 percent the divorce rate among marriages of Blue Mountain alumnae is less than 2 percent. Apparently, Blue Mountain and other colleges for women are meeting with somewhat better than average success in prepar-

ing young women for marriage and the conduct of the home.

The woman's college—let it be here stated emphatically—does not place the young woman in a cloister or separate her from association with young men. The college does regulate and somewhat formalize that association and I for one consider that a good thing. It is, indeed, simply what is done by the authority of the parents in a well-ordered household.

In my first few weeks of teaching in a woman's college, one of my most pleasing discoveries was that of the high quality of the students' work in both extracurricular activities and the classroom. The best students with whom I was dealing were, to be sure, no better than superior students elsewhere; but the proportion of indifferent and poor students was smaller. Presumably, students whose main interest lay in socializing, or country-clubbing had not been attracted in any considerable numbers to the woman's college. Whatever the explanation, the lethargic student was not present in sufficient force to act as a brake or drag on the learning process; and the teaching of classes made up so largely of lively, interested young people was a memorable experience.

Classes so capable as these create for themselves a distinct group atmosphere, unselfconscious, active, and buoyant. Likewise the general student life of a woman's college creates its own individual emotional tone, easy to recognize, hard to define. It comes a way of life that has developed, apparently, as an expression of the psychological needs of women. For example, highly competitive sports, though the girls enjoy them, hold no such dominant place in the woman's college as elsewhere. Women students free to follow their own recreational interests, turn more often to sports of a less competitive sort; to the style show, the formal dinner, the operetta, and the society program; to dramatics and ingeniously contrived parties; to a dozen avenues of expression drive gives way to the enjoyment of fancy and race. In this sort of recreational life, voluntarily carried on, it is hard not to see a fulfillment of the students' own nature and psychology as women.

The distinct atmosphere of the woman's college is created also by a quality of deep-seated friendship among students, friendship of a kind that seems possible only among members of the same sex in a small, closely knit community. It is the sort of friendship of whose masculine counterpart, at Sewanee William Alexander Percy wrote so movingly in *Lantern on the Levee*.

ISOLA HOMECOMING TO BE JAN. 17

On Sunday, January 17, Isola Church will observe its 5th annual homecoming day. The program which was organized in 1964.

Rev. R. L. Wallace of Raymond, will include the observance of the 50th anniversary of the church, and former pastor of the church, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. At noon lunch will be served in the basement of the church.

Everyone has a cordial invitation, and former pastors, members and residents are especially invited. The program will begin promptly at 11 o'clock.

Rev. E. D. Crenshaw is the pastor.



Offering January 24

Now among such friendships, within such a community, the normal human faults and failings are still present, to be sure; but there is a discernible lessening of those destructive tensions that elsewhere continue to whipsaw the nerves of one generation. And in that genial environment there appears at times a flowering, as if watered from deep and healing springs of a quiet happiness, the art of which our age has too nearly forgotten.

To point out these special values of the woman's college is not to question the worth of the coeducational institution which as we will all agree has its own values of a somewhat different kind. Nor is it to imply that all young women should attend woman's colleges, since some are by temperament unsuited to that way of life. In theological terms they have not the vocation. But for the many girls who are adapted to it, the Christian college for women can offer a distinct and an immensely valuable experience. In its nature of happiness and of friendship, in its fostering of a recreational life suitable to the needs and capable students, in its effectual preparation for marriage and homemaking, in its encouragement of the fullest participation of women in student activities, in its preserving a just balance between vocational and general education, in its transmitting of the immense educational force of Christianity, and finally in the blend and total effect of all these qualities the Christian college for women both enriches the life of its supporting denomination and performs a "unique educational service."

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